

REMARKS

The applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

Support for the amended claims by further defining the anion to polystyrene sulfonic acid can be found in the examples.

The Examiner again rejected claims 7-24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jonas et al. (US 5,300,575) in view of Moehwald (US 4,728,399). The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

To emphasize it again a person of ordinary skill in the art would expect that fast reactions are less selective and hence should lead to more side reactions, i.e. different end products should be obtained having different particle sizes and molar weights. A fast reaction is less controllable, i.e. the more side reactions are occurring leading to different end products. The applicant believes that for this reason the rejection should be withdrawn.

The Examiner stated that the declaration was not a proper side by side comparison (see the first full paragraph at page 4 of the office action). The Examiner stated that the claims were not commensurate with respect to the polyanions. In order to expedite prosecution, the applicant has amended the independent claims. More particularly, the Examiner stated that the types of polysulfuric acid is generic. The examples use as the aqueous solvent (water) and polysulfonic acid (polystyrene sulfonic acid). The applicant has amended the polyanion to polystyrene sulfuric acid and believes that the claims are commensurate in scope with the claimed invention. For the above reasons, this rejection should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13077-00158-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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